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3 **DECISION AND ORDER**
4 **OF THE**
5 **BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY**

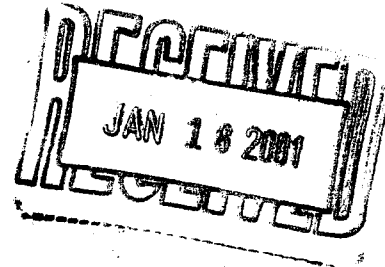
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7 **DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**

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9 The attached Stipulation for Surrender of License in case number W189, is hereby
10 adopted as the Decision and Order of the Board of Psychology, Department of Consumer
11 Affairs. An effective date of March 22, 2001 has been assigned to this
12 Decision and Order.

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14 Made this 20th day of February, 2001.

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18 Martin R. Greenberg, Ph.D.
19 President, Board of Psychology
20 Department of Consumer Affairs
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**BEFORE THE
BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

BILL ASHER ADAMS, PH.D.
28581 Front Street, Suite 207
Temecula, CA 92590

Psychologist's No. PSY 3083

Respondent

Case No. W189

OAH No. L-2000100130

**STIPULATION FOR
SURRENDER OF LICENSE**

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to
the above-entitled proceedings, that the following matters are true:

1. Complainant, Thomas S. O'Connor, is the Executive Officer California State Board of Psychology (hereinafter the "Board"), Department of Consumer Affairs, and is represented by Bill Lockyer, Attorney General of the State of California by Douglas MacCartee, Deputy Attorney General.

2. Bill Asher Adams, PH. D. ("respondent") is represented in this matter by the Law Offices of Roquemore, Pringle & Moore, Inc. by Kenneth D. Watase, Attorney at Law, whose address is 6055 East Washington Boulevard, Suite 608, Los Angeles, CA 90040-2466. The respondent has counseled with his attorney concerning the effect of this stipulation which respondent has carefully read and fully understands.

3. Respondent has received and read the Accusation which is presently on file pending in Case Number W189 before the Board of Psychology, Department of Consumer

1 Affairs (hereinafter the "Board"), a copy of which is attached as Exhibit "A" and incorporated
2 herein by this reference.

3 4. Respondent understands the nature of the charges alleged in the Accusation
4 and that, if proven at hearing, such charges and allegations would constitute cause for imposing
5 discipline upon respondent's license issued by the Board.

6 5. Respondent and his counsel are aware of each of respondent's rights, including
7 the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations, the right to confront and cross-examine
8 witnesses who would testify against respondent, the right to testify and present evidence on his
9 own behalf, as well as to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and
10 the production of documents, the right to contest the charges and allegations, and other rights
11 which are accorded respondent pursuant to the California Administrative Procedure Act (Gov.
12 Code, § 11500 et seq.) and other applicable laws, including the right to seek reconsideration,
13 review by the superior court, and appellate review.

14 6. In order to avoid the expense and uncertainty of a hearing, respondent
15 freely and voluntarily waives each and every one of these rights set forth above and without
16 admitting or denying the truth of the allegations contained in Accusation W189, hereby
17 surrenders his license for the Board's formal acceptance. This offer to surrender shall not be
18 considered as an admission of any allegation in the Accusation and is not to be construed as such
19 in any civil, criminal, or administrative proceeding, except as noted in paragraph 9, below.

20 7. Respondent understands that by signing this Stipulation he is enabling the
21 Board of Psychology to issue its order accepting the surrender of his license without further
22 process. He understands and agrees that Board staff and counsel for complainant may
23 communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation, without notice to or
24 participation by respondent or his counsel. In the event that this stipulation is rejected for any
25 reason by the Board, it will be of no force or effect for either party. The Board will not be
26 disqualified from further action in this matter by virtue of its consideration of this stipulation.

27 8. Upon acceptance of the stipulation by the Board, respondent understands
28 that he will no longer be permitted to practice as a psychologist in California, and also agrees to

1 surrender and cause to be delivered to the Board both his license and wallet certificate before the
2 effective date of the decision.

3 9. Respondent fully understands and agrees that if he ever files an
4 application for relicensure or reinstatement in the State of California, the Board shall treat it as a
5 petition for reinstatement, the respondent must comply with all the laws, regulations and
6 procedures for reinstatement of a revoked license in effect at the time the petition is filed, and all
7 of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation W189 will be deemed to be true, correct
8 and admitted by respondent when the Board determines whether to grant or deny the petition.

9 10. In addition, in the event that respondent shall petition for reinstatement
10 and reinstatement is granted on any terms or conditions, respondent agrees that he shall be liable
11 to reimburse the Board the sum of \$ 4,793.72 as investigative and enforcement costs in this
12 matter.

13 ACCEPTANCE

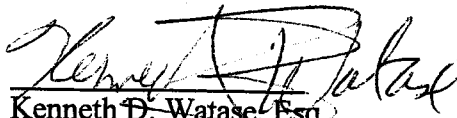
14 I, Bill Asher Adams, have carefully read and fully understand this Stipulation
15 For Surrender as set forth above and have discussed the terms and conditions of this stipulation
16 with my attorney, Kenneth D. Watase, Esq. I enter into this stipulation freely and voluntarily
17 with the advice of counsel and with full knowledge of its force and effect, do hereby surrender
18 my license No. PSY 3083 to the Board, Department of Consumer Affairs for its formal
19 acceptance. By signing this stipulation to surrender my license, I recognize that upon its formal
20 acceptance by the Board, I will lose all rights and privileges to practice as a psychologist in the
21 State of California and I also will cause to be delivered to the Board both my license and wallet
22 certificate before the effective date of this decision.

23 DATED: 1-11-01

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25 B. Asher Adams
26 BILL ASHER ADAMS
27 Respondent

28 I concur in this Stipulation For Surrender

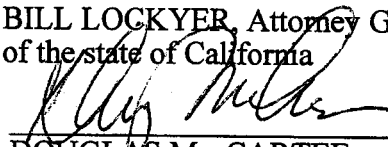
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4 Kenneth D. Watase, Esq.
Attorney for Respondent

5 I concur in the stipulation.

6 DATED: 1/22/01, 2000

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8 BILL LOCKYER, Attorney General
of the state of California

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10 DOUGLAS MacCARTEE
11 Deputy Attorney General
Attorneys for Complainant

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13 **DECISION AND ORDER OF THE**

14 **BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY**

15 **DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**

16 The Stipulation and Surrender of the License No. PSY 3083, issued to
17 Respondent is accepted by the Board of Psychology, Department of Consumer Affairs.

18 This decision shall become effective on the ____ day of _____, 2001.

19 It is so ordered this ____ day of _____, 2001.

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23 **FOR THE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY**
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ACCUSATION

Psychologist's No. PSY 3083

Respondent.

Complainant Thomas S. O'Connor, who as cause for disciplinary action, alleges:

PARTIES

1. Complainant is the Executive Officer of the California State Board of Psychology ("Board") and makes and files this Accusation solely in his official capacity.

License Status

2. On or about July 17, 1967, Psychologist's No. PSY 3083 was issued by the Board to Bill Asher Adams, Ph.D. ("respondent"). At all times relevant herein, said license was, and currently is, in full force and effect. Unless renewed, the license will expire on or about December 31, 2000.

JURISDICTION

3. This Accusation is made in reference to the following statutes of the California Business and Professions Code ("Code"):

1 A. Section 2960 provides that the Board may order the suspension for
2 a period not exceeding one year, or the revocation of, or the imposition of probationary
3 conditions upon the license of any licensee.

4 B. Section 2960(j) provides that the Board may take disciplinary
5 action against a licensee for being grossly negligent in the his or her profession.

6 C. Section 2960(r) provides that the Board may take disciplinary
7 action against a licensee for engaging in repeated acts of negligence in the practice of his
8 or her profession.

9 D. Section 2964.6 provides that an administrative decision that
10 imposes terms of probation may include, among other things, a requirement that the
11 licensee who is being placed on probation pay the costs associated with monitoring the
12 probation.

13 E. Section 125.3 provides, in part, that the Board may request the
14 administrative law judge to direct any licentiate found to have committed a violation or
15 violations of the licensing act, to pay the Board a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs
16 of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

17 **FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

18 (Grossly Negligent Acts)

19 4. Respondent Bill Asher Adams, Ph.D. is subject to disciplinary action on
20 account of the following:

21 A. On or about September 29, 1997, respondent had an interview with
22 Mrs. R.T. Mrs. R.T. sought psychotherapy for herself and her then 4-year-old son, E.B.
23 Among other things, Mrs. R.T. told respondent that E.B. was experiencing generalized
24 anxiety, panic attacks and sleep disturbance. She told respondent that these symptoms
25 occurred after E.B.'s weekend visitations with the father D.B. (R.T.'s ex-husband.)

26 B. On or about October 6, 1997, Mrs. R.T. took E.B. for his first
27 therapy session with respondent. Respondent spent approximately 25 minutes of the 50-
28 minute session alone with E.B. (Respondent spent the remainder of the time on therapy

1 with Mrs. R.T.) Thereafter, respondent had approximately nine (9) 25-minute sessions
2 with E.B. with the final session occurring on or about November 17, 1997. Nearly all the
3 sessions took place on a Monday following E.B.'s visitation with the father.

4 C. In his chart note for E.B., respondent noted that at various times
5 during therapy sessions, he observed E.B. had a bandaged elbow on a session, had a
6 "bluish/black bruise in the kidney area", had "bruises on in the form of fingers on his
7 thigh" and had "a knot on his head and red marks on his chest that appeared to be from
8 some object poking him with considerable force." He also noted that E.B. stated during a
9 therapy session that his father called Mrs. R.T. a "fucking bitch." He also noted E.B.
10 stated: "My daddy said if I talk to you Dr. Bill, you will poop and pee on me."

11 D. On or about October 26, 1997, respondent issued a "report" in the
12 form of a letter addressed to Mrs. R.T.'s attorney. In the report, which was issued under
13 penalty of perjury, respondent rendered critical psychological assessment of E.B.'s father
14 and made recommendations modifying the court-order child custody arrangements
15 between Mrs. R.T. and D.B. Also, on or about November 21, 1997, respondent issued
16 another "report" under penalty of perjury in which he rendered critical psychological
17 assessment on E.B.'s father and recommendations modifying the court-ordered a child
18 custody arrangements between Mrs. R.T. and D.B. This report was also addressed to
19 Mrs. R.T.'s attorney. The two reports were presented to the Superior Court in the child
20 custody proceeding between D.B. and Mrs. R.T. on or about October 28, 1997.

21 E. Respondent rendered his psychological assessment of D.B. without
22 ever performing a psychological evaluation on D.B. and without ever seeing D.B.
23 Respondent also issued his child custody modifying recommendations without
24 interviewing the child's father, the father's therapist, the child's teacher(s) or the child's
25 other health care providers.

26 5. Respondent Bill Asher Adams, Ph.D. is subject to discipline for
27 unprofessional conduct in that he engaged in grossly negligent acts in violation of Code section
28 2960(j) in that:

1 A. Paragraph 4 above is hereby realleged and incorporated by this
2 reference as if fully set forth.

3 B. Respondent rendered clinical psychological assessment of D.B.
4 without ever performing a psychological evaluation and without ever seeing D.B.

5 C. Respondent made recommendations modifying a court-ordered
6 child custody arrangement without first conducting a balanced assessment consistent with
7 accepted standards for conducting child custody evaluations.

8 **SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

9 (Repeated Acts of Negligence)

10 6. Respondent Bill Asher Adams, Ph.D. is further subject to discipline for
11 unprofessional conduct in that he engaged in repeated acts of negligence in violation of Code section
12 2960(r)in that:

13 A. Paragraph 4 above is hereby relegate and incorporated by this
14 reference as if fully set forth.

15 B. Respondent rendered clinical psychological assessment of D.B.
16 without ever performing a psychological evaluation and without ever seeing D.B.

17 C. Respondent made recommendations modifying a court-ordered child
18 custody arrangement without first conducting a balanced assessment consistent with accepted
19 standards for conducting child custody evaluations.

20 **PRAYER**

21 WHEREFORE, complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters alleged
22 herein, and that following said hearing, the Board issue a decision:

23 1. Revoking, suspending, or otherwise imposing discipline upon Psychologist's
24 No. PSY 3083 issued to respondent Bill Asher Adams, Ph.D.;

25 2. Ordering respondent to pay to the Board the actual and reasonable costs of
26 investigation and enforcement as provided by statute;

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- 1 3. If placed on probation, ordering respondent to pay the costs of probation
2 monitoring; and,
3 4. Taking such other and further action as the Board deems necessary and
4 proper.

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6 DATED: June 30, 2000

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9 Thomas S. O'Connor
10 Executive Officer
11 Board of Psychology
12 Department of Consumer Affairs
13 State of California

14 Complainant

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DECLARATION OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED MAIL

In the Matter of the Accusation Filed
Against:

Bill Asher Adams, Ph.D.

No. : W189

I, the undersigned, declare that I am over 18 years of age and not a party to the within cause; my business address is 1422 Howe Avenue, Ste. 22 Sacramento, California 95825. I served a true copy of the attached:

DECISION AND ORDER

by mail on each of the following, by placing same in an envelope (or envelopes) addressed (respectively) as follows:

NAME AND ADDRESS

CERT NO.

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Each said envelope was then on, February 20, 2001, sealed and deposited in the United States mail at Sacramento, California, the county in which I am employed, as certified mail, with the postage thereon fully prepaid, and return receipt requested.

Executed on, February 20, 2001, at Sacramento, California.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.


DECLARANT
Mary Laackmann
Enforcement Analyst